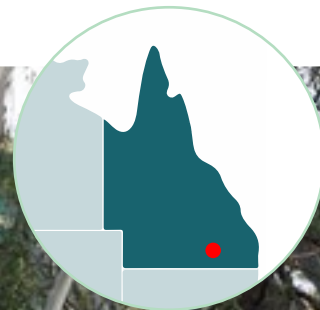


## Accessible Holiday Destination Guide

# Southern Queensland Country



Macintyre River Bridge

Southern Queensland Country is a large region, covering an area of approximately 60,000 square kilometres. It is located in the south-west of Queensland and is bounded by the Great Dividing Range to the east, the Murray-Darling Basin to the west, and the New South Wales border to the south. The region is home to a number of major towns and cities, including Toowoomba, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Dalby, and Goondiwindi.

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## GETTING THERE

### By Air

There are a number of airports in the region, including Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport, Brisbane Airport, and Gold Coast Airport.

Gold Coast International airport is serviced with over 420 domestic and international flights per week. Jetstar, Virgin Australia, Qantas and Rex have services to the Gold Coast. Qantas and Virgin have an Eagle Hoist available to assist disabled passengers.

Brisbane is an international entry point to Australia. Brisbane has direct connections to 28 international destinations and all Australian domestic cities. It is an award-winning airport for its accessibility including a Changing Places Adult Changing facility and a service dog relief area. The airport has an Accessibility Journey Planner which can be downloaded from its website. The Airtrain operates a 20 minute service to central Brisbane from both the domestic and international terminals. Wheelies Van rentals have wheelchair accessible vans for hire from both the Gold Coast and Brisbane airports. Europcar has wheelchair accessible vans available in Brisbane. Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport has direct connections from Melbourne, Sydney,



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and Townsville. It is serviced by Qantas, Regional Express, Bonza and Alliance. There is a designated drop off zone and designated parking spaces in the airport car park. Accessible toilet facilities are available in the check-in area as well as within the secure section of the terminal. Hearing loops have been installed within the terminal for boarding and other announcements. Accessible taxis are available from the taxi rank.

### By Car

The region is well-connected by road, and there are a number of major highways that pass through it.

### By Train

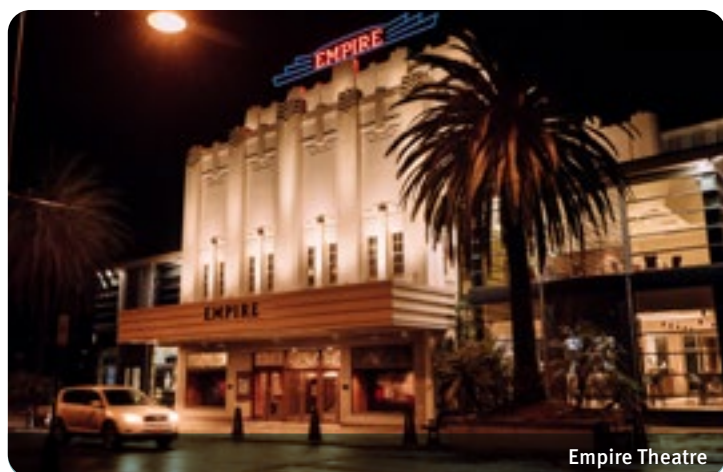
Queensland Rail operates a train service between Brisbane and Toowoomba.

### By Bus

There are a number of bus companies that operate services to the region, including Greyhound Australia and Murrays Coaches.

## Toowoomba

Toowoomba is known as the Garden City and is home to parks and gardens, including Queens Park Botanic Gardens, Japanese Gardens, and the Laurel Bank Park. Toowoomba is also home to a number of other attractions, including the Cobb and Co Museum, Empire Theatre, and Picnic Point Lookout.



### Toowoomba Visitors Centre

The Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre is in the heart of the city.

There is designated disabled parking in the centre's car park. A ramp leads up into the building. There is an accessible toilet at the centre. The building is well laid out with information easy to read and brochures within easy reach. The staff are knowledgeable about the accessible attractions within the city and surrounding region.

## Queens Park

Queens Park is a heritage-listed botanic garden and public park in East Toowoomba. The gardens have a number of spaces including the woodlands, an off leash dog area, Margaret Street Playground, an all-abilities playground and a series of sports ovals. The main car park is off Lindsay Street.

There are designated disabled parking spaces and an accessible toilet facility. The car park is adjacent to the all-abilities playground. All of the park's features are located within a 5 minute walk from the car park. All of the paths through the gardens are wide asphalt roads. Seating is provided at regular intervals. The park slopes gently down towards the Toowoomba CBD. There are two accessible toilet facilities in the park. One adjacent to the car park at the all-abilities playground and one in Harding Avenue, which is the main link to the Botanic Gardens.

### Botanic Gardens

Queens Park and Botanic Gardens offer a stunning collection of seasonal plants set against a backdrop of lush lawns, shrubs, and towering trees. The Alfred Thomas Memorial, located at the gardens centre, pays homage to a local figure instrumental in the region's railway development. Nearby, a vintage Naval cannon serves as a historic artefact. The gardens also house the Emma Miller Memorial Plaque, commemorating a suffragist advocate. Visitors can admire the stone entrance arch, National Bank columns, and pathways adorned with vibrant flowers throughout the park's beautifully landscaped environment. A historic pavilion contains information boards on the history of the park, its significant plantings, the history of the greenhouses and the monuments. The information is presented in both written and pictorial forms. As with the rest of Queens Park, the roads are wide and surfaced with asphalt. There are a series of picnic tables. They are historic tables with wrought ends flush with the table top. There is no provision for wheelchair seating at the tables within the Botanic Gardens section of the park. The accessible toilets are just outside the Botanic Gardens in Harding Avenue.

### Margaret Street Playground

The park features a smaller play area with natural shading, perfect for toddlers and young children. Here, they can enjoy a variety of play equipment, including a train, merry-go-round, swings, and small slides. Additionally, the large sandpit in this section may even yield some exciting fossil discoveries. The playground has a number of accessibility features. There is a basket swing, a wheelchair accessible roundabout, cognitive panels, accessible drinking fountains, tactile play animals and some musical play features. There is an accessible BBQ at the playground.





All-Abilities Playground

## All-Abilities Playground

This playground is designed to cater to toddlers through pre-teens, ensuring inclusion for children of all abilities. It boasts a range of exciting features, such as a wheelchair-accessible fort, a textured dome climbing structure, oversized musical chimes that are accessible to all, a digger, a wheelchair accessible roundabout, various slides, toddler swings, and more. There is also a conveyor slide, where children can race each other. In addition to numerous cognitive panels, there is also a Braille panel, which provides a learning opportunity for children of all abilities. The playground has a Liberty wheelchair swing. Adjacent to the playground is an accessible toilet facility and an accessible drinking fountain. An accessible BBQ is located adjacent to playground.

## Cobb and Co Museum

The Cobb and Co Museum is a museum located next to Queens Park in East Toowoomba and houses a collection of over 100 coaches, carriages, and wagons, as well as a variety of other artefacts related to Cobb and Co. The museum also has interactive exhibits that tell the story of Cobb and Co and its role in the development of Australia. Visitors can learn about the different types of coaches used by Cobb & Co, the different routes they travelled, and the people who worked for the company.

Accessible parking is available in Lindsay Street, immediately in front of the bus set down area. Entry to the museum is through wide self opening doors. The reception desk is immediately in front of the entrance.

The café and accessible toilets are to the left of the entry. These are the only toilets in the complex. There are no toilets inside the exhibit area. All level changes within the museum are ramped with hand rails. There is seating throughout the museum. Wheelchairs are available for loan. The museum has a sensory kit available for loan which includes ear muffs, a book, water game and a twisty fidget. There is a quiet room located within the museum. A social script is available for download prior to a visit. Companion cards are accepted.



Cobb and Co Museum



Cobb and Co Museum

## Picnic Point

Picnic Point is a lookout and parkland located on the eastern escarpment of the Great Dividing Range, and offers stunning views of the city and the surrounding countryside. It is a 10 minute drive from the centre of Toowoomba. The parkland includes a café and function centre, a historic rotunda, and a number of walking trails.

There is designated disabled parking immediately in front of the main building adjacent to the walkway and pedestrian crossing. The path leading to the lookout is paved, wide and level. The upper level observation deck has level entry from the main path and is wide giving commanding views over the Lockyer Valley below. The path around the perimeter is wide and level. There is ample seating at regular intervals. The restaurant is accessed from the main walkway by a gently sloping path. The restaurant has both internal seating and seating on the outdoor observation deck. Seating is movable both inside the restaurant and on the deck. The function centre is on the lower level and is accessed by a ramp from the upper level. Accessible toilets are available on the lower level inside the function centre foyer. There is a parkland behind the car park. It has picnic tables and a historic rotunda. The picnic tables are of a historic design with solid wrought iron ends. There is no provision for wheelchair users. The rotunda is ramped.

## Empire Theatre

The Empire Theatre is a heritage-listed theatre in the centre of Toowoomba. It is one of several cinemas which are regularly used for film premieres and first runs, events, live performances, including theatre, comedy, and music. The Empire Theatre precinct has undergone significant expansion and development, featuring three additional venues alongside the iconic Empire Theatre itself. Among these venues, the Empire Theatre Studio is situated just behind the main stage. This intimate space accommodates up to 120 spectators and is frequently used for small-scale performances. The Church Theatre hosts a diverse range of performances, from cabaret and comedy to fine music and jazz.

The Empire Theatres precinct is in the Armitage Centre, a distinctive 350-seat black box performance area and has hosted a wide array of performances, encompassing film screenings, dramatic productions, musical events, and dance performances.

Entry to the theatre is through the wide, self opening side door in the church forecourt where there is a ramp to the café level. Once inside all spaces are linked through ramps. The main cinema has level entry on both sides of the theatre towards the back. Once inside there are no steps. The dance studio behind the stage has level entry. The church spaces are also accessible to all.

There are accessible toilets in both the main theatre and in the church spaces. An elevator gives access to the upper level lounge of the theatre although current fire regulations prevent permanent wheelchair users from viewing shows on the upper level dress circle.

## The Strand Theatre

The Strand Theatre is a heritage-listed boutique cinema in Toowoomba. Framed by pilasters, the decorative symmetrical street facade consists of a large semi-circular arch at the first floor level with a quatrefoil window to either side and is surmounted by a deep cornice, giving the impression of a heightened entrance.

The cinema has level entry from the street through wide open doors. The foyer is large with a low counter ticket office. Each of the five cinemas has designated wheelchair seating and there is an accessible toilet off the foyer.

## 4 Brothers Brewing

4 Brothers Brewing is a craft brewery in Margaret Street. The brewery has a taproom where you can sample their beers and a kitchen that serves food that pairs well with their beers. There are wide doors and level entry off the footpath. The layout is spacious beside the vats. Chairs are moveable in the brewery.



## The Rock Bar and Bistro

The Rock Bar and Bistro on Ruthven Street is in the heart of Toowoomba and caters to a range of tastes, boasting a mix of traditional pub favourites and innovative dishes to satisfy every palate. The Beer Garden and Restaurant are located on the ground level. The top bar is located on the second level. There is no lift between levels.

## Kwong Sang Walk

Kwong Sang Walk is a pedestrian laneway in the Toowoomba CBD located between Ruthven and Annand Streets. The laneway features large steel beams which have been retained from the former Sew Handy building. These beams symbolise the evolution of the site from building to urban open space.

Pavements, feature walls, sheltered seating areas, decorative and pedestrian safety lighting and changeable artworks feature along the urban laneway. The area serves as a passive outdoor space and a potential venue site for community events. It is wide, open and flat space with a concrete surface.

## The Plate, the Shed and the Paddock

The Paddock, The Shed, and The Plate Restaurant are three businesses in the same building in North Toowoomba. The Paddock is a butcher shop that sells high-quality, locally sourced meat. The Shed is a coffee shop and deli that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Plate Restaurant is a modern Australian restaurant that serves up locally-sourced cuisine. The three businesses offer a unique dining experience that combines the best of all worlds. You can start your day with a coffee and pastry at The Shed, enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner at The Plate Restaurant, and then pick up some high-quality meat from The Paddock to take home.

The Plate has accessible entry from the car park which has designated disabled parking. Inside the restaurant is split level. An elevator is installed between the levels. The seating is open plan with movable furniture.



There is an accessible toilet off the lower level bistro. The Paddock is accessed from the same car park with its entrance just outside The Paddock. Inside there are wide aisles with all produce being displayed in low glass fronted cabinets or open shelves. The shed is a drive through facility with car service.

### Toowoomba Railway Station

The Toowoomba Railway Station is a heritage-listed railway station on the Western line in Russell Street and a popular tourist destination. The station is a two-storey building and is the oldest extant masonry railway station in Queensland.

The ground floor has a waiting room, booking office, and toilets. The first floor has a refreshment room and a balcony. There is ramped access to the platform. An accessible toilet is located on the platform building. Ramps are provided for boarding trains.

### Ju Taku En Japanese Garden

Ju Taku En Japanese Garden is a 4.5 hectare Japanese garden on the northern side of the University of Southern Queensland's Toowoomba campus. The garden features a variety of elements, including a mountain stream and waterfall, a Dry Garden, a central lake, Azalea Hill, 3 kilometres of paths, 230 species of Japanese and Australian native trees and plants, and lawns. Admission is free.

There is designated disabled parking immediately in front of the main gate. The path to the left of the lake is flat, wide and constructed of fine hard packed gravel. This leads around the lake and on to the University campus. The path to the right is also wide and flat and takes you around to the accessible toilets. At the far end of the lake the paths are narrow and in some cases made of stepping stones. The bridges are very steep and not suitable for people with limited mobility.

### Lockyer Valley

The Lockyer Valley is located west of Ipswich and is bordered by Toowoomba and the Great Dividing Range to the west and is known for growing vegetables, fruits, and dairy products. The region is also home to a number of wineries and breweries.



Murphys Creek

### Murphys Creek

Murphys Creek developed as a railway town on the line between the regional city of Toowoomba and settlements to the east, including Helidon, Ipswich and Brisbane. It is home to a number of businesses, including a tavern, a general store, and a bakery. The tavern has a bistro, which is a popular stop for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

There is a designated disabled parking spot right in front of the tavern. There is level entry onto the front verandah dining area and into the main tavern. There is an accessible toilet available in the tavern.



Jessie's Cottage

### Jessie's Cottage

Jessie's Cottage is a local history museum in Murphys Creek. It is a restored cottage that was built in 1899 by Scottish immigrant William Taylor. The cottage was home to Taylor's daughter, Jessie, who lived there until her death in 1966. She was reclusive, almost eccentric, she used to take a wheelbarrow to the local store for her shopping.

The cottage is furnished with period furniture and artefacts.

There is ample parking in front of the cottage. The cottage has ramped access to the right hand side giving access through the back door which is wide. The cottage is small but the displays are well laid out around the walls. There is a picnic pavilion next door at the old rail station that has been moved to the site.

Next door is the community centre that has designated disabled parking and an accessible toilet facility.

### Spring Bluff Railway Station

Spring Bluff Railway Station is a heritage-listed railway station on the Main Western line in Spring Bluff 15 kilometres north of Toowoomba city. It is significant for its historical value and its beautiful landscaped gardens. It has the title of the prettiest railway station in Australia.



Lake Apex Park



Spring Bluff Railway Station

The station is accessible by car and by the Spring Bluff shuttle train, which runs from Toowoomba railway station. There are two designated disabled parking bays in the station car park. The station is accessed across the level crossing. The crossing is level. A short ramp gives access to the platform. Ramped access gives access to the accessible toilet in the station building. The upper level teahouse can only be reached by a long set of steps or a steep grass ramp.

## Helidon

Helidon is a small town in the Lockyer Valley approximately 1 hour west of Brisbane and 15 minutes east of Toowoomba. Helidon is known for its natural beauty and its historic buildings. The town is home to parks and gardens, including the Helidon Heritage Walk, which is a self-guided walking trail that takes in some of the town's most significant historical sites. The town is flat with a network of concrete footpaths and a central concrete pathway through the centre of the park. A pavilion tells the story of the town with information in both written and pictorial formats.



Helidon

## The Floating Café

The Floating Café is located in Grantham. Grantham was at the epicentre of one of the deadliest floods in Australian history in 2011. The Floating Café is located in one of the only surviving buildings in the town. The café's name is a lighthearted acknowledgment of the devastating event.

It serves home-baked cakes, pies and contemporary café food. There is ramped access at the side of the café's wide entry. The counter height is low and the interior spacious with moveable chairs. At the back of the café is an accessible toilet with side and rear grab rails.

## Lake Apex Park

Lake Apex Park is a 45 hectare park in Gatton on the shores of Lake Apex. It has designated disabled parking in the main car park, and accessible toilet facility with side and rear grab bars. There is an accessible picnic pavilion with tables with open ends. There is a small playground that has a rubberised surface, cognitive play panels and a ramped elevated play platform. The playground has a shade sail covering.





Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre



Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre

## Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre

Adjacent to Apex Park is the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre. It encompasses an art gallery, public library, Visitor Information Centre, Lockyer Legends Wall of Fame, Anzac 100 Portrait Series and the Queensland Transport Museum. It also has a café. There is designated disabled parking adjacent to the main entrance of the building. Entry is through double self opening glass doors. The Art Gallery is on the left as is the information centre, where tickets to the museum can be purchased. The Lockyer Legends Hall of Fame is directly ahead of the entrance and leads to a deck that overlooks the parkland. All internal spaces are wide and easily navigated. The café is large with wide aisles and movable chairs at all tables. Disabled toilets are located off the foyer.

## Queensland Transport Museum

The Queensland Transport Museum tells the story of transport in Queensland, from the early days of the horse and cart to the modern era. The museum has a collection of over 100 vehicles, including cars, trucks, buses, trams, and bicycles. The collection also includes a number of railway locomotives and carriages. The museum is over two levels linked by curved ramps. The floor is polished concrete throughout. All ramps have handrails and TGSIs. There is good space to navigate between the exhibits.



Forest Hill

## Forest Hill

Forest Hill is a small town in the Lockyer Valley and approximately 90 kilometres west of Brisbane and 20 kilometres east of Toowoomba. Forest Hill is known for its natural beauty and its historic buildings. The footpaths have been upgraded and are easy to navigate. As a historic town many of the buildings have stepped entry, but the following have ramped entry or street side service.

### Queen Bs Collective

Queen Bs Collective features handmade clothing and jewellery and clothing, photography prints and cards, and antique furniture. There is level entry and a wide doorway.

### Café 4342

Café 4342 is located inside the historical Forest Hill post office. The café is open for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and afternoon tea. The café serves a variety of food, including sweet or savoury crepes and gourmet omelettes for breakfast, to grilled burgers and Italian-inspired pizza or pasta for lunch. Their rotating dessert selection is well known. There are two steps into the building, but there is a curbside servery and outdoor tables.

### The Lockyer Hotel

The Lockyer Hotel is heritage-listed, on the corner of Victoria and William Streets. It is a double-storey externally framed timber building, with verandahs overlooking the street. There are two bars on the ground floor.

Accessible entry is through the eastern annex.

## Native Oz Bushfoods

Native Oz Bushfoods is an Aboriginal-owned and operated business based in the Lockyer Valley. The business was founded by Doug and Tracey Goebel in 2019. Doug is a proud Bundjalung man, his ancestor coming from north-eastern NSW. He has a passion for native bushfoods and wanted to share his knowledge and love of these foods with others.

They offer a range of Australian native bushfood products, including jams, salt blends and sauces, ingredients, and educational experiences. There is a farm tour experience that includes a smoking ceremony and acknowledgement to country, an educational guided tour and bushfood inspired morning tea. The tour area is small and level and conducted on hard packed grass. There is a new café/store that will have full accessible toilet facilities.



Hampton Visitor Information Centre

## Hampton Visitor Information Centre

The Hampton Visitor Information Centre is at the junction of the New England Highway and the Esk-Hampton Road in Hampton. It is a one-stop shop for information on what to see and do in the Highfields, Crows Nest, Hampton and surrounding area, including national parks, lakes, bushwalking, bird spotting, antique and arts and craft shopping. It is also a convenient point to take a break. There is designated disabled parking and ramped access to the visitor centre. Picnic pavilions are available with accessible picnic tables. The centre has disabled toilet facilities.



Crows Nest Historical Village

## Crows Nest Historical Village

The Crows Nest Historical Village is a collection of restored historical buildings. The village is a popular tourist destination and is a great place to learn about the history of the Lockyer Valley. The village is home to a variety of buildings, including a schoolhouse, a church, a general store, and a blacksmith's shop.

The buildings in the village have been restored to their original condition and are furnished with period furniture and artefacts. The village also has a number of gardens and other features, including a train station and a post office. The museum is accessed through a central gravel road that slopes gently away from the main entrance and car park. It is fine crushed rock and well compacted. About half of the main buildings have ramped access. Many of the displays are open and easily viewable. Some of the historic buildings are not accessible to people using wheelchairs or mobility aids.



Miles Historical Village and Museum



Miles Historical Village and Museum

## The Miles Historical Village and Museum

The Miles Historical Village and Museum is an open-air museum located near the town of Miles, in the Western Downs region. The village consists of 30 buildings including a schoolhouse, church, general store, blacksmith's shop, post office, hotel, and railway station. The buildings are furnished with period furniture and artefacts, and the village also has a number of gardens and other features. The museum has a number of collections including the Norman Donpon lapidary display, war museum, and photographic and shell house collection.





Thomas Jack Memorial Park



Thomas Jack Memorial Park

Parking is available at the front of the museum. A concrete path leads through the garden to the main entrance into the visitor centre. The main entry into the museum is up six steps. Wheelchair users and other visitors who cannot manage steps can access the museum via the exit which is step free and leads into the garage. The garage has a concrete floor. From the garage visitors enter the streetscape. In keeping with the period the street is dirt with a light coating of fine crushed rock. It can be soft in places. In the centre of the street is a rotunda that has ramped access. The sidewalks under the building's verandahs have mostly level access, however, most of the individual buildings have steps into their doors. In most cases the displays can be seen from the doorway. Towards the back of the museum is a collection of cars housed in both open shedding and an old service station. All of those displays are fully accessible. The War Memorial has level access and wide aisles through the displays. The shell collection has level access into the building, but very narrow aisles between the display cabinets. There is an accessible toilet within the museum and outside the museum at the visitor's centre.

## Dalby

Dalby is a major grain growing region and is also home to a number of industries, including meat processing, dairy farming, and tourism.

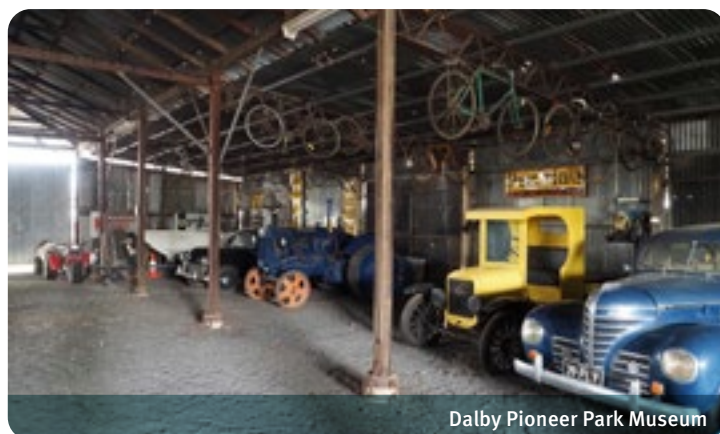
### The Dalby Visitor Information Centre

The Dalby Visitor Information Centre is in Thomas Jack Park on the corner of Drayton and Condamine Streets. It is a great source of information on what to see and do in the Western Downs region. The centre's staff can

help you plan your visit and provide you with maps, brochures, and other information. The centre also has a small gift shop that sells a variety of local produce, souvenirs, and light packaged refreshments. Accessible parking is available in front of the centre with access to the centre via a concrete path and a wide level entry door.

### Thomas Jack Memorial Park

The Thomas Jack Memorial Park is a lush green park in the heart of Dalby. The 3.5 hectare park features native gardens, flower beds, picnic and BBQ areas. There is a central band rotunda which has ramped access. An accessible toilet is located adjacent to the rotunda. Accessible parking is available in front of the visitor's centre.



Dalby Pioneer Park Museum

### Dalby Pioneer Park Museum

The Dalby Pioneer Park Museum has a large collection of working tractors and agricultural machinery, as well as many original buildings that have been moved or rebuilt from colonial materials. The museum also hosts an annual field day on the fourth weekend of May, where visitors can see live displays of working vintage machinery and activities. Additionally, the museum has a resident blacksmith.

Most of the relocated buildings have ramps for access. The machinery is stored in an open fronted shed with level access. Through the centre of the grounds is a gravel driveway of reasonably fine crushed rock. The rest of the museum is on hard grassed surfaces. There are no accessible amenities at the museum with the closest being in the Thomas Jack Memorial Park.

### Jubris Hideaway

Jubris Hideaway is a country homestead situated 10 minutes north of Dalby. The venue offers luxurious accommodation, a modern, indoor reception, and can host up to 100 people. Jubris Hideaway has four distinct entertainment areas:



Jubris Hideaway

- The Balinese Gardens, a relaxed, lush and intimate setting ideal for a grand entrance.
- The Water Garden, which is perfect for formal occasions.
- The Bush Garden, a rustic, country setting.
- The Birdcage, which is best suited for intimate or micro weddings.

The venue is not just for events but can be the perfect getaway for extended families or groups of people. The venue is renowned for its camp oven dinners.

The hideaway has two cabins and a large two bedroom homestead apartment. The two cabins have two steps onto the veranda with relatively small bathroom spaces. The two bedroom homestead apartment has level entry. The bedrooms are spacious. It has a large bedroom with handrails at the side of the toilet. The shower is separate, but does have a roll-in entry. A portable shower is available on request. The site is level and where there are changes of level into the public buildings there are ramps. The surface of most of the paths is hard packed fine gravel. Next to the shed is an accessible toilet and combined shower in a full wet room.

## Goondiwindi

Goondiwindi is located on the border with New South Wales. It is the administrative centre of the Goondiwindi Region and major centre for the wool industry. There are a number of historic buildings in the town that are worth the walk including the Goondiwindi War Memorial, Goondiwindi Civic Centre and Customs House Museum which is now a museum that displays the history of Goondiwindi and its famous racehorse, Gunsynd.

### Gunsynd Statue

The statue is a representation of Gunsynd that stands near the original border bridge on Macintyre Street. Across the road, there is a museum that displays many of his trophies, rugs, and other memorabilia. Parking is available adjacent to the statue and it is clearly visible from either the car or footpath.



Goondiwindi Heritage Walk



Macintyre River Bridge

### Macintyre River Bridge

The historic border bridge is a road bridge that crosses the Macintyre River in Goondiwindi. The bridge has two steel spans with hogbacked lattice girders and a width of 20 feet.

The bridge is a landmark of Goondiwindi and a symbol of its history and heritage. The bridge is located near the statue and museum of Gunsynd. The bridge is still in use. The details of the structure can be seen by driving over or viewing from the same footpath as the Gunsynd statue.

### Tree of Knowledge

The knowledge tree is a carbeen tree that stands near the historic border bridge in Goondiwindi. It is also known as the tree of knowledge because it was used as a notice board and a meeting place for the locals during times of flood. The tree sits on the grass banks of the river on the other side of the road from the Gunsynd statue. There is a wide gap between the tree and the memorial to the levy allowing everyone access to the memorial.

### Goondiwindi Botanic Garden

The Goondiwindi Botanic Garden is a tranquil and scenic spot that showcases the plant communities of the Upper Darling Basin. The garden is on the western outskirts of Goondiwindi, and covers 25 hectares of natural woodlands. The garden features a central lake with an island that attracts various wildlife, such as





Goondiwindi Botanic Garden

birds, fish, and turtles. The garden also has a pavilion that can be booked for events, a playground, a picnic area, and barbecue facilities. The pavilion has ramped access onto the stage. There is an accessible toilet available with side and rear grab rails. Picnic tables are located in individual brick shelters. They are an older style table with solid concrete ends. A solid concrete pad extends from the pavilion to a BBQ. The walking paths around the lake are step free. They are wide and level. They are constructed of fine hard packed crushed rock.



Nungwai Artwork

## Nungwai Artwork

Located opposite the airport on the Cunningham Highway are three major sculptures by Angus Wilson. Angus Wilson is a local artist in Goondiwindi. He is known for his recycled metal sculptures, which often depict animals, birds, and other natural forms. His work can be found throughout the town, including at the

**Coat of Arms:** This large sculpture marks the entrance to Goondiwindi from the Cunningham Highway. It is made from recycled metal and features the symbols of the town, such as the kangaroo, the sheep, and the cotton plant.

**Once Upon a Time:** This sculpture is located beside the Coat of Arms. It is made from an old truck and other recycled materials and depicts a scene from a children's story.

**Matthew, Mark, Luke & John, and Lot's Wife:** It is made from recycled metal and depicts the four evangelists and Lot's wife, who was turned into a pillar of salt. There is a large flat parking/viewing area.

## Yelarbon

Yelarbon is a small rural town on the Cunningham Highway midway between Goondiwindi and Inglewood. Yelarbon has a rich Aboriginal and colonial heritage. The name Yelarbon means native name for the large lagoon adjacent to the station. Yelarbon was the first place in Queensland to grow tobacco commercially.

### When the Rain Comes

The GrainCorp silo art in Yelarbon is a mural that was painted on the silos in Yelarbon in 2019 by a group of artists called Brightsiders. The mural is titled *When the Rain Comes* and depicts a young boy playing in the Yelarbon Lagoon with paper boats made from historical newspapers. The mural covers two tall and six shorter silos in a row. It is part of the Australian Silo Art Trail, which is a collection of painted silos and water towers across Australia that connects rural communities through art and tourism. There is a dedicated viewing area directly opposite the silos. The area provides parking and is a flat asphalt surface. There are no toilet facilities at the viewing area.

### The Dingo Fence Strainer Post

The dingo fence strainer post in Yelarbon is a historical landmark that marks the end of the original route of the dingo barrier fence to protect sheep flocks from dingo attacks. The fence stretches for more than 5,000 kilometres across Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia. The strainer post is a wooden post that was used to tighten the wire of the fence and prevent it from sagging. It is located near the entrance to the town just before the railway crossing. It has a plaque that explains its significance. The dingo fence strainer post is also part of a new art installation that features a replica of the traditional fence and sculptures of dingoes, sheep, emus, and kangaroos. It aims to showcase the history and culture of Yelarbon and attract more visitors to the town. Parking is available alongside the installation which is on a fine hard packed gravel apron. There are no facilities at the location.

### Yelarbon Lagoon

The Yelarbon Lagoon and Park is a recreational area in Yelarbon, just down from the silo art installation, that offers a relaxing and scenic spot to take a break. The lagoon is a natural water body that attracts various wildlife, such as birds, fish, and turtles. The park has a well maintained picnic area with plenty of shade, an accessible barbecue, an accessible picnic table and an accessible toilet.

## Texas

Texas is a rural town in the Goondiwindi Region on the border of Queensland and New South Wales.

Texas has a diverse economy that includes farming, mining, tourism, and art. Texas attracts visitors with its natural beauty, heritage, and culture including fishing and canoeing on the Dumaresq River.



Texas Rabbit Works



Texas Rabbit Works

### Texas Rabbit Works

The Texas Rabbit Works is a historical and cultural attraction in Texas. It is an interactive museum that displays the history of the rabbit works and the town, as well as the tools and techniques used to trap, skin, and pack rabbits. Visitors can listen to stories from former workers and locals, and see original equipment and machinery. The museum also features a gift shop that sells souvenirs.

Parking is at the rear of the building. A concrete path and ramp leads to the main door which is wide. A small ramp leads from the foyer into the gift shop and ticket office. The path through the museum is easy to follow with rabbit tracks painted on the floor. The surface is concrete throughout and small ramps are provided where required. The freezer room is a little tight. Wheelchair users would have to back out of the freezer room as there is no turning room. All of the displays are low level and easy to see. There is an accessible toilet inside the museum complex after the ticket office.



Texas Museum

### The Texas Heritage Centre and Tobacco Museum

The Texas Heritage Centre and Tobacco Museum is located on Flemming Street, near the Texas Rabbit Works. It showcases the history and culture of the town and its surrounding district. The museum has numerous buildings to explore, such as a mini Shearing Shed, Harness Shed, Jail and Stocks, Smithy, Post Office Store, Farm Shed, and Mission Hall. The museum has over 2,000 catalogued items, photographs, and family histories that relate to the people, events, and industries of the area. The museum displays the tools and techniques used to grow, harvest, cure, and pack tobacco leaves. The museum also has a collection of tobacco memorabilia.

The main buildings is ramped. Several of the smaller buildings have steps only. All of the sheds housing machinery are at ground level. The external displays are all on a grass base with a hard surface.

## Warwick

Warwick is a rural town in the Southern Downs. It is on the banks of the Condamine River and known for its historical buildings, heritage festivals, and agricultural industries.

### Heritage Walk

The heritage walk in Warwick is a self-guided tour that allows you to explore the historical and architectural landmarks of the town. The walk covers about 2.5 km and takes about an hour to complete. You can start the walk at any point, but a suggested starting point is the Warwick Visitor Information Centre on Albion Street, where you can pick up a brochure with a map and information about the sites.

Some of the significant buildings on the heritage walk are the Warwick Town Hall, Abbey of the Roses, Pringle Cottage and Museum, Post Office and Court House.



The main central section of the town is relatively flat. All of the footpaths are wide and easy to navigate. Road crossings are protected with lights and TGIS markers and all have curb cuts to the road. Accessible toilets can be found at the town hall and in the shopping mall.

### Jumpers and Jazz Festival

The Jumpers and Jazz in July festival is an annual event that celebrates the arts and culture of Warwick. The festival features live jazz music, art exhibitions, and yarn bombing of trees and buildings.

The festival started in 2004 as a way to promote the local wool industry and showcase the creativity and talent of the community. The festival has grown over the years to include more than 100 events, such as concerts, workshops, markets, competitions, and tours. The festival also supports local businesses, charities, and organisations by providing them with opportunities to participate and benefit from the event.

This is a fun event. The art installations are easy viewing from the footpaths in Palmerin Street. The Abbey of the Roses has ramped access.

### Warwick Railway Museum

The Warwick Railway Museum is at the Warwick Railway Station and showcases the history and heritage of the railway industry in the region. The museum has a collection of railway memorabilia, such as locomotives, carriages, signals, tools, uniforms, and photographs. The museum also has a model railway layout that depicts the Warwick railway yard and its surroundings. Steam train tours operate from Warwick to various destinations, such as Stanthorpe, Wallangarra, Clifton, and Hendon. The museum has concrete paths throughout, but does involve crossing numerous train tracks. The platforms allowing viewing into the historic carriages are ramped. The engine shed is open fronted.

### The Abbey Boutique Hotel

The Abbey Boutique Hotel is a luxury and heritage-listed accommodation located in the former convent of the Sisters of Mercy on Locke Street, near the Warwick Town Hall and the Abbey of the Roses. The hotel has 13 rooms, two on the ground floor, and hosts several events throughout the year, such as the Jazz and Shiraz Festival, the Abbey Winter Dinner, and the Abbey Christmas in July. It is open all year round and requires advance booking. Parking is at the rear of the hotel. Accessible entry is from the side door into the dining room. The dining room is spacious. Seating is at large round tables with moveable chairs. An accessible toilet is located off the verandah. There is no wheelchair accessible accommodation at the Abbey.



Stanthorpe

## Stanthorpe

Stanthorpe is a rural town on the New England Highway near the border of Queensland and New South Wales. Stanthorpe is known for its cool climate, granite landscapes, and fruit and wine industries.

The town is surrounded by national parks, such as Girraween National Park, Sundown National Park, and Bald Rock National Park, that offer scenic views and hiking trails. The town also has a rich cultural and artistic scene, with various galleries, museums, and festivals. The Granite Belt Wine Country produces award-winning wines from over 40 wineries and cellar doors. The region also grows various fruits, such as apples, pears, cherries, and strawberries. The region hosts several events throughout the year, such as the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival, Snowflakes in Stanthorpe Festival, and Stanthorpe Cheese and Wine Festival.

### Heritage Walk

The Heritage Walk in Stanthorpe allows you to discover the historical and architectural landmarks of the town. The walk covers about 3 kilometres and takes about an 1.5 hours to complete. Start the walk at the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre on Leslie Parade, where you can pick up a brochure with a map and information about the sites. Some of the sites that you can see on the heritage walk are the Post Office, Soldiers Memorial located at Weeroona Park, Railway Station, and St Joseph's Catholic Church. The town is flat with wide footpaths. Curb cuts are on all intersections and all crossings have TGIS markers.

### Diamondvale Cottages

Diamondvale Cottages is a self-contained accommodation in Stanthorpe that offers a relaxing and comfortable stay for its guests. The cottages are located on a 30 acre property that overlooks the Quart Pot Creek and the Severn Ranges. The cottages have a rustic style with wooden floors, fireplaces, and verandahs. The cottages have one or two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a lounge area. The cottages also have



Diamondvale Cottages

air conditioning, electric blankets, and free Wi-Fi. The cottages are an ideal place for couples, families, and groups who want to enjoy the natural beauty and tranquillity of the Granite Belt region. The cottages are close to various attractions, such as the Stanthorpe Heritage Museum, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, and Granite Belt Wine Country.

Diamond Vale Cottages is located on Diamondvale Road, about 3 kilometres from the Stanthorpe town centre. The cottages are not equipped to cater for wheelchair visitors. It is a very tranquil setting that would suit families with members on the autism spectrum.

## Emerald

Emerald was founded after the discovery of gold in the area and is known for its sapphires, which are some of the best in the world. There are a number of fossicking and mining tours available in the region, where visitors can try their luck at finding their own sapphires. The major tourist hub for the Sapphire Gemfields is located in Sapphire Central and Rubyvale, about 60 kilometres west of Emerald.

### Emerald Railway Station

Emerald Railway Station is a heritage-listed railway station located on Clermont Street.

There is designated disabled parking near the station. Ramped access leads up the station entrance and platform level.

### The Sunflower Painting

The Sunflower Painting is a 7 metre by 10 metre reproduction of Vincent van Gogh's 1889 painting Sunflowers located in Morton Park just behind the Visitors Centre. It is easily seen from the network of concrete pathways behind the visitors centre.

### Federation Mosaic Pathway

The Emerald Centenary of Federation Mosaic Pathway is a 100 metre long mosaic pathway made up of 21 intricate tiled designs that depict the history of Emerald. It is located in Morton Park, adjacent to the Sunflower Painting and is a popular tourist destination and spot for photography and social media posts. A network of concrete pathways through the park makes it accessible to all forms of mobility aides.

## Botanic Gardens

The Emerald Botanic Gardens is a 42 hectare public garden featuring a diverse range of plant species, including native Australian plants, exotic plants, and themed garden sections.

The gardens offer well-maintained walking paths that wind through the various garden sections. These paths provide visitors with an opportunity to explore the different plant displays and enjoy leisurely strolls.

There are designated picnic areas within the gardens and large expanses of open lawn areas. The Gardens have a large playground for children, that has a number of accessible playspace elements including a wheelchair accessible roundabout, and cognitive panels. All of the pathways through the gardens are concrete with gentle slopes throughout. Near the main entrance is a purpose built picnic pavilion with accessible picnic tables. The historic rotunda has ramped access. New toilet facilities are under construction that will add accessible toilet facilities to the gardens.

### Miners Heritage Rubyvale

Miners Heritage was established in 1982 as a working mine. It was the first mining operation to discover sapphires in the area.

Miners Heritage features a fossicking area where visitors can pan for sapphires, a museum and gift shop. The mine is open to the public and offers tours that take visitors 15 metres underground to discover the amazing world of sapphire mining. The café at Miners Heritage serves a variety of food and drinks, including coffee, tea, sandwiches, and pastries.

There is designated disabled parking next to the main building and gift shop. It is linked with a concrete path.

Behind the building, also linked by a concrete path is an accessible toilet. Entry to the main building is level through wide double doors. Entry to the mine is at the side of the building and requires the negotiation of 128 steps down the 15 metres to the tunnel level. Once in the tunnel, the surface is level and relatively smooth throughout. Tours allow plenty of time to cater for all fitness levels and stop at the heritage room on the way



out of the mine. The heritage room is about halfway back out of the mine. This allows people to take a break before climbing the final staircase. The fossicking area is on the other side of the driveway from the main building. Visitors can buy a bag of mud and take it across to the wash tubs. The wash tubs are at bench height making them accessible to people of all heights including seated wheelchair users. The surface around the tubs is level gravel. The tubs are well spaced making it ideal for small groups or families. At the end of the car park is the miners café that has level entry. The seating is old style wooden picnic tables with no overhanging ends for wheelchair users.

## New Royal Hotel

The hotel has a spacious bar that offers a wide selection of beers, wines, and spirits and a restaurant that serves a variety of meals, including pub classics, steaks, and seafood. The restaurant also has a bistro menu that is available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The hotel has a number of accommodation options, including rooms, cabins, and camping grounds. The rooms are all equipped with ensuite bathrooms and televisions. The cabins have kitchenettes and barbecue facilities. The camping grounds have powered and unpowered sites.

The New Royal Hotel has one motel unit that is wheelchair accessible. The room has a wide doorway, a roll-in shower, and grab bars in the bathroom. Parking is available next to the hotel. Entry is via the front doors into the main bar. There are double doors and level entry. The hotel can also be entered through the beer garden and into the bistro. Accessible toilets are located in the bistro area of the hotel. There are wide aisles through the tables and seating is movable to cater for people using mobility aids.

## Rubyvale Gem Gallery and Holiday Units

The gallery has a wide selection of sapphires and other gemstones, including rubies, emeralds, and diamonds. They also offer a variety of jewellery, including rings, necklaces, and earrings. The gallery also provides accommodation. The accommodation is located in a quiet part of town and is close to all the amenities.

Rubyvale Gem Gallery and Holiday Units has one accessible room on the ground floor and has a wide doorway, a roll-in shower, and grab bars in the bathroom. The accommodation has its own designated parking. Parking for the gallery is on the street. Entry to the gallery is through level wide double doors. All of the displays are low allowing viewing by people of all heights including seated wheelchair users. There is an accessible toilet located at the back of the gallery.

## Carnarvon Gorge

Carnarvon Gorge is a national park in the Capricorn Region of Central Queensland. The sandstone cliffs are up to 100 metres high and are home to a variety of plants, including palms, ferns, and orchids. The side gorges are even more colourful than the main gorge and are a popular spot for swimming and camping. The gorge is also home to a variety of animals, including kangaroos, wallabies, and birds. The Aboriginal rock art in the gorge is some of the finest in Australia. There are a number of walking trails in the gorge, ranging from easy to challenging. The most popular trail is the Main Track, which takes you through the heart of the gorge. There are also a number of shorter trails that lead to the side gorges.

## Breeze Holiday Park

BIG4 Breeze Holiday Parks – Carnarvon Gorge is a 100 acre holiday park located just outside Carnarvon National Park. It has a range of holiday options from park cabins, Taka Tents and powered and unpowered sites.

It has a designated camping area near the main reception and activities area that caters for people with a disability. The amenities block has a full accessible toilet and shower with a fixed fold down shower chair. The laundry room has roll-under bench tops and the washers and dryers are front loading at floor level. The main reception has ramped access to the deck and double doors into the reception area and mini general store. In front of the main building is a bar area with a hard artificial grass surface. The camp kitchen is wheelchair accessible with accessible tables and cooking facilities. There is one Taka Tent glamping experience that is wheelchair accessible with ramped access. There is no ensuite, but it is only a short walk across to the accessible amenities block. The park is on level ground with a smooth walk along the river. There are several spots for visitors to stop and look for platypus. The walk and viewing spots are all wheelchair accessible. A great view of the gorge is available from the park's own lookout walk. The path has gradients approaching 1:10 in places and can be a little rocky and rutted. The distance is approximately 250 metres.

## National Park Visitors Centre

The visitor centre is at the beginning of the main trail at creek crossing number one. It is staffed periodically, but there are information boards that provide information about the park, including its history, geology, flora and fauna, and the different walking trails available. There is also free Wi-Fi to research the park further.

There is a designated disabled parking area at the end of the access road. There are accessible picnic tables and an accessible toilet available. The path from the car park to the visitor centre runs through the picnic ground and is wide flat, hard-packed fine gravel. The visitors centre can be accessed through double self opening doors.

### Nature Trail

The Carnarvon Gorge Nature Trail is a 1.5 kilometre loop trail that starts and ends at the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre. There are a variety of plants and animals, including trees, ferns, birds, and turtles along the walk.

This relatively easy walk features a few gentle slopes and takes you through a variety of landscapes, including rainforest, open woodland, and along the banks of Carnarvon Creek. This short walk is suitable for all ages and is a great way to get a taste of the park and its many attractions. The walk does involve two creek crossings, the main number one crossing on the main trail and a crossing further down stream. Both crossings involve rock hopping. The downstream crossing has a rock field to negotiate as well.

The trail is not suitable for wheelchair users or people using mobility aids other than a walking stick. The trail tends to be very quiet as it is not part of the main trail making it suitable for families or people looking for a peaceful experience.

### Rock Pool

The Rock Pool Walk is a 200 metre trail that starts and ends at the Rock Pool car park, or a 2 kilometre walk from the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre. It is an easy walk that takes you through a rainforest gully to a series of rock pools. The pools are fed by Carnarvon Creek and are a popular spot for swimming and picnicking.

The walk involves a creek crossing on stepping stones. It is not wheelchair accessible beyond the creek. The walk from the visitors centre is relatively flat and smooth and suitable for people of all abilities. The picnic ground is located on the car park side of the creek crossing and can be reached by people of all abilities.

### Mickeys Creek Gorge Walk

The Mickeys Creek Gorge Walk is a 3 kilometre return trail that starts and ends at the Mickey Creek car park, 4 kilometres from the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre. It is a moderately challenging walk that takes you through a narrow gorge, with some steep sections and slippery rocks beyond Warrumbah Creek Gorge trail junction.

For slow walkers, there is great scenery up to the junction point with a variety of plants and animals, including fig trees, ferns, birds, and wallabies. Warrumbah Creek Gorge is a 200 metre side trip that involves a creek crossing on uneven stepping stones. The Micky Creek Gorge Walk is not suitable for permanent wheelchair users.

### Main gorge walking track

The main gorge walking track winds 9.7 kilometres from the visitor centre to Big Bend, crossing Carnarvon Creek multiple times.

Side trails from the main track lead to a variety of sites. The main track is mostly flat, but the side trails can be steeper and involve climbs up steep sets of stairs. The featured sites on the side trails can be combined to create day hikes. For example, the Moss Garden, Amphitheatre, Ward's Canyon, and Art Gallery sites can be visited on a 14 kilometre return day hike. All of the creek crossings on the trail involve rock hopping. The first two kilometres is mostly gently sloping with a smooth even path. There are sets of concrete steps of five to six steps each. At about the two kilometre mark there is a bridge and just beyond there are a set of steps that descend back to the river and the first junction to the Moss Garden. Visitors will notice the short sets of steps have a flat edge on either side. Those edges are designed for a rescue buggy and end at the bridge. The walk as far as the bridge provides good views of the gorge and the vegetation and wildlife.

### Carnarvon Gorge Eco Tours

Carnarvon Gorge Eco Tours is a locally owned and operated tour company that offers guided walks, camping tours, and night safaris in Carnarvon Gorge National Park.

The company was founded in 1999 by Simon and Michelle, who are passionate about sharing their love of the gorge with others. They offer a variety of tours to suit all levels of experience, from easy walks to challenging hikes. They can tailor a tour to a variety of disabilities including people with low vision, slow walkers and a variety of fitness levels.

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

### A Day in Toowoomba's Parks and Gardens

- *Morning: Queens Park*  
Start your day at Queens Park, a heritage-listed botanic garden with designated disabled parking and accessible facilities. Explore the woodlands, Margaret



Street Playground, and all abilities playground. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the wide asphalt paths and take in the beautiful seasonal plants and historic monuments.

- **Lunch: Picnic in Queens Park**  
Take advantage of the picnic tables and enjoy a packed lunch amidst the natural beauty of Queens Park.
- **Afternoon: Japanese Gardens**  
Head to the Ju Taku En Japanese Garden on the northern side of the University of Southern Queensland's campus. Explore the mountain stream, central lake, and Azalea Hill. Be sure to visit the designated accessible areas, especially the path to the left of the lake.
- **Late Afternoon: Botanic Gardens**  
Return to Queens Park and explore the Botanic Gardens section. Learn about the history of the park, the greenhouses, and significant plantings from the information boards in the historic pavilion.

## Cultural Exploration in Toowoomba

- **Morning: Cobb and Co Museum**  
Begin your day at the Cobb and Co Museum, located next to Queens Park. Discover the history of Cobb & Co and its role in Australia's development with interactive exhibits. Accessible parking and facilities are available.
- **Lunch: Downtown Dining**  
Head to the city centre for lunch. Consider The Plate Restaurant, or The Rock Bar and Bistro, depending on your culinary preferences.
- **Afternoon: Empire Theatre**  
Explore the Empire Theatre, a heritage-listed theatre in the centre of Toowoomba. Enjoy a live performance or check out one of the other venues within the Empire Theatres precinct.
- **Evening: 4 Brothers Brewing**  
Unwind with a visit to 4 Brothers Brewing for craft beer and food that pairs well with their brews.

## Scenic Views and Leisure

- **Morning: Picnic Point**  
Start your day with a visit to Picnic Point, offering stunning views of Toowoomba and the surrounding countryside. Enjoy the café, function centre, and walking trails with accessible paths.
- **Lunch: Picnic at Picnic Point**  
Take advantage of the picnic tables and enjoy a picturesque lunch at Picnic Point.

- **Afternoon: Kwong Sang Walk**  
Explore the urban laneway of Kwong Sang Walk, located in the Toowoomba CBD, featuring large steel beams and artistic features. Take the Heritage Walk around the CBD.
- **Dinner: The Paddock, The Shed, and The Plate Restaurant.**  
Head to North Toowoomba to enjoy a unique dining experience at these three businesses in the same building, offering a variety of culinary options.

## Exploring the Lockyer Valley from Toowoomba

- **Morning: Murphys Creek**  
Start your day in the picturesque town of Murphys Creek, which developed as a railway town. Enjoy breakfast at the tavern's bistro, a popular stop for meals. There's designated disabled parking, level entry, and an accessible toilet available. Visit Jessie's Cottage, a local history museum, to learn about the region's history and explore the restored cottage furnished with period furniture and artefacts.
- **Mid-Morning: Spring Bluff Railway Station**  
Head to the Spring Bluff Railway Station, known for its historical value and beautifully landscaped gardens. Take in the scenic beauty of the gardens and enjoy the heritage of this charming railway station.
- **Lunch: Helidon**  
Drive to the small town of Helidon, known for its natural beauty and historic buildings. Have lunch at a local eatery or explore the Helidon Heritage Walk, a self-guided walking trail taking in the town's significant historical sites.
- **Afternoon: Grantham and Lake Apex Park**  
Visit The Floating Café in Grantham, a town with a unique history. Enjoy a light meal in this welcoming café with ramped access and an accessible toilet. Head to Lake Apex Park in Gatton, a 45-hectare park with designated disabled parking and accessible facilities. Explore the park, including the playground and picnic areas.
- **Late Afternoon: Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre and Queensland Transport Museum**  
Next, explore the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, adjacent to Apex Park, offering an art gallery, library, and Queensland Transport Museum. Learn about the transport history of Queensland with over 100 vehicles, including cars, trucks, and railway locomotives. The centre is accessible with designated parking and facilities.

- *Evening: Forest Hill*  
Travel to Forest Hill, a small town known for its natural beauty and historic buildings. Explore local businesses like Queen Bs Collective and Café 4342 with level entry for accessibility. Consider dinner at The Lockyer Hotel, known for its heritage and historic charm.

## Exploring Goondiwindi

- **Day 1**
  - *Morning: Historical Tour*  
Start your morning with a walking tour of Goondiwindi's historic buildings. Visit the Goondiwindi War Memorial, Goondiwindi Civic Centre, and Customs House Museum. Explore the museum's exhibits, including the history of Goondiwindi and the famous racehorse, Gunsynd.
  - *Lunch: Local Delights*  
Enjoy lunch at a local eatery in Goondiwindi.
  - *Afternoon: Nature and Art*  
Visit the Goondiwindi Botanic Garden, located on the western outskirts of Goondiwindi. Explore the garden's tranquil atmosphere, featuring a central lake, wildlife, a pavilion, and playground. Take in the beautiful scenery and enjoy a picnic in the park.
  - *Evening: Relax and Unwind*  
Return to your accommodation or enjoy a peaceful evening in Goondiwindi.
- **Day 2: Exploring Yelarbon and Texas**
  - *Morning: Yelarbon and Silo Art*  
Head to Yelarbon, located midway between Goondiwindi and Inglewood. Admire the GrainCorp silo art titled "When the Rain Comes" by Brightsiders, which tells a charming story of a young boy and his paper boats. Visit the Dingo Fence Strainer Post, a historical landmark marking the end of the original dingo barrier fence.
  - *Lunch: Lunch in Yelarbon or Texas*  
Enjoy lunch in Yelarbon or Texas.
  - *Afternoon: Texas Rabbit Works and Texas Heritage Centre*  
Explore the Texas Rabbit Works, an interactive museum showcasing the history of rabbit works and the town's heritage. Visit the Texas Heritage Centre and Tobacco Museum, featuring various buildings and exhibits related to the town's history and tobacco culture.
  - *Evening: Dinner in Goondiwindi*  
Enjoy dinner in Goondiwindi, experiencing the local cuisine.

## 2 days in Warwick and Stanthorpe

- **Exploring Warwick**
  - *Morning: Heritage Walk*  
Begin your day with a self-guided Heritage Walk in Warwick. You can start at the Warwick Visitor Information Centre on Albion Street, where you can pick up a brochure and map. Explore historical and architectural landmarks such as the Warwick Town Hall, Abbey of the Roses, Pringle Cottage and Museum, Post Office, and Court House. The central section of town is relatively flat, with wide and easily navigable footpaths. Accessible toilets are available at the town hall and in the shopping mall.
  - *Lunch: Local Delights in Warwick*  
Enjoy lunch at a local eatery in Warwick.
  - *Afternoon: Explore Warwick*  
Visit the Warwick Railway Museum, showcasing the history and heritage of the railway industry in the region. The museum has a collection of railway memorabilia. Take a stroll around the town and explore its charming atmosphere.
  - *Evening: Relax and Unwind*  
Return to your accommodation or enjoy a peaceful evening in Warwick.
- **Day 2: Exploring Stanthorpe**
  - *Morning: Heritage Walk in Stanthorpe*  
Head to Stanthorpe, a rural town known for its cool climate, granite landscapes, and fruit and wine industries. Begin your day with a self-guided Heritage Walk in Stanthorpe. You can pick up a brochure and map at the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre on Leslie Parade. Explore historical landmarks such as the Post Office, Soldiers Memorial at Weeroona Park, Railway Station, and St Joseph's Catholic Church. Stanthorpe's town is flat with wide footpaths and accessible crossings.
  - *Lunch: Local Delicacies in Stanthorpe*  
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Stanthorpe.
  - *Afternoon: Diamondvale Cottages and Explore Stanthorpe*  
Visit Diamondvale Cottages, a self-contained accommodation that offers a peaceful stay. Explore the natural beauty of the Granite Belt region, including nearby attractions like the Stanthorpe Heritage Museum, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, and Granite Belt Wine Country.
  - *Evening: Dinner and Relaxation*  
Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Stanthorpe or return to Diamondvale Cottages for a tranquil evening.

## Discovering Emerald and Sapphire



## Gemfields

### • Day 1: Exploring Emerald

#### • Morning: Explore Emerald

Start your day in Emerald, known for its sapphires, by visiting Emerald Railway Station. Enjoy a view of “The Sunflower Painting,” a beautiful reproduction of Vincent van Gogh’s famous artwork, located in Morton Park behind the Visitors Centre. The painting is easily visible from the concrete pathways. Next, make your way to the Federation Mosaic Pathway in Morton Park. This 100-meter-long mosaic pathway showcases the history of Emerald and is a great spot for photography and social media posts.

#### • Lunch: Local Dining in Emerald

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Emerald.

#### • Afternoon: Emerald Botanic Gardens

Spend your afternoon exploring the Emerald Botanic Gardens, a 42-hectare public garden featuring a diverse range of plant species. The gardens offer well-maintained walking paths with designated picnic areas and open lawn spaces. Don’t miss the large playground with accessible playspace elements, including a wheelchair accessible roundabout and cognitive panels.

#### • Evening: Relax and Rest

Return to your accommodation in Emerald and unwind for the evening.

### • Day 2: Exploring the Sapphire Gemfields

#### • Morning: Miners Heritage Rubyvale

Head to Sapphire Central and Rubyvale, the major tourist hub for the Sapphire Gemfields, located about 60 kilometers west of Emerald. Begin your day at Miners Heritage Rubyvale, which features a fossicking area where you can try your hand at finding sapphires. The mine offers tours taking you 15 meters underground to explore the world of sapphire mining. Afterward, have lunch at the Miners Heritage café, offering a variety of food and drinks.

#### • Afternoon: Discovering Rubyvale Gem Gallery

Visit the Rubyvale Gem Gallery and Holiday Units, known for its selection of sapphires and other gemstones. Explore their jewelry collection and browse the gemstones. If you’re staying overnight, check into the accessible room at Rubyvale Gem Gallery and Holiday Units.

#### • Evening: Dinner and Rest

Enjoy dinner at the New Royal Hotel in Rubyvale, known for its wide selection of beers, wines, spirits, and delicious meals, including pub classics, steaks, and seafood. Relax and rest in your chosen accommodation in the Sapphire Gemfields.

## USEFUL LINKS

#### Southern Queensland Country [www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au](http://www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au)

**Brisbane Airport** [www.bne.com.au/passenger/passenger-information/special-assistance](http://www.bne.com.au/passenger/passenger-information/special-assistance)

**Brisbane Airtrain** [www.airtrain.com.au/timetable/](http://www.airtrain.com.au/timetable/)

**Gold Coast Airport** [www.goldcoastairport.com.au/at-the-airport/accessibility](http://www.goldcoastairport.com.au/at-the-airport/accessibility)

**Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport** [www.wellcamp.com.au/passengers/fly/accessible-services/](http://www.wellcamp.com.au/passengers/fly/accessible-services/)

**Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre** [www.tr.qld.gov.au/our-region/discover/visitor-info-centres/5596-toowoomba-visitor-information-centre](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/our-region/discover/visitor-info-centres/5596-toowoomba-visitor-information-centre)

**Queens Park** [www.tr.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/parks-gardens/parks-bylocation/east-toowoomba-queens-park](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/parks-gardens/parks-bylocation/east-toowoomba-queens-park)

**Toowoomba Accessibility Map** [maps.tr.qld.gov.au/WAB/ToowoombaCBDMobilityMapping/](http://maps.tr.qld.gov.au/WAB/ToowoombaCBDMobilityMapping/)

**Cobb and Co Museum** [www.museum.qld.gov.au/cobb-and-co-museum/plan-your-visit/accessibility](http://www.museum.qld.gov.au/cobb-and-co-museum/plan-your-visit/accessibility)

**Picnic Point** [picnic-point.com.au](http://picnic-point.com.au)

**Empire Theatre** [empiretheatre.com.au](http://empiretheatre.com.au)

**The Strand Theatre** [www.eventcinemas.com.au](http://www.eventcinemas.com.au)

**4 Brothers Brewing** [www.4brothersbrewing.com.au](http://www.4brothersbrewing.com.au)

**The Rock** [www.therockpub.com.au](http://www.therockpub.com.au)

**The Plate** [www.theplaterestaurant.com.au](http://www.theplaterestaurant.com.au)

**Lockyer Valley** [www.luvyalockyer.com.au](http://www.luvyalockyer.com.au)

**Crows Nest Historical Village** [cnhs.com.au](http://cnhs.com.au)

**The Miles Historical Village and Museum** [www.mhv.org.au](http://www.mhv.org.au)

**Dalby Pioneer Park Museum** [www.dalbymuseum.com.au](http://www.dalbymuseum.com.au)

**Jubris Hideaway** [www.jubrishideaway.com.au](http://www.jubrishideaway.com.au)

**Goondiwindi** [goondiwindiregion.com.au](http://goondiwindiregion.com.au)

**Southern Downs and Granite Belt**  
[southerndownsandgranitebelt.com.au](http://southerndownsandgranitebelt.com.au)

**Central Queensland Highlands** [www.centralhighlands.com.au](http://www.centralhighlands.com.au)

**Miners Heritage** [www.minersheritage.com.au](http://www.minersheritage.com.au)

**New Royal Hotel Rubyvale** [rubyvalehotel.com.au](http://rubyvalehotel.com.au)

**Rubyvale Gem Gallery** [rubyvalegemgallery.com](http://rubyvalegemgallery.com)

**Carnarvon Gorge** [parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/carnarvon-gorge](http://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/carnarvon-gorge)

**Breeze Holiday Park Carnarvon Gorge** [breezeholidayparks.com.au/parks/carnarvon-gorge/](http://breezeholidayparks.com.au/parks/carnarvon-gorge/)

**Carnarvon Gorge Eco Tours** [carnarvongorgeecotours.com](http://carnarvongorgeecotours.com)



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